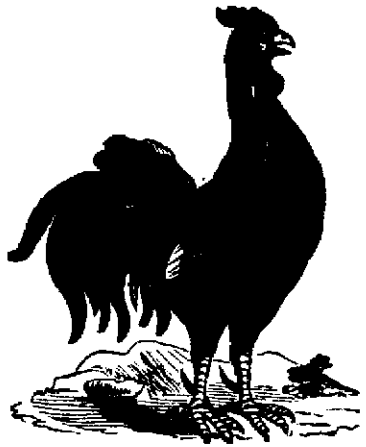


## Glorious News!



**J. R. RACE & CO.**

—HAVE NOW ON SALE THE—

**Best \$10 Suits Ever Shown in City**

Also, a Complete Line of Nobby and Well-made Suits of all prices.

**We have the Largest Stock of Overcoats**

TO SELECT FROM, AT PRICES THAT  
**DEFY COMPETITION!**  
AND WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY.

**OUR FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT!**

IS ALWAYS COMPLETE. ALL THE LATEST STYLES IN

**Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, UNDERWEAR.**

**STETSON'S HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, VALISES, &c.**

**ALSO, WE LEAD IN MERCHANT TAILORING.**  
ELEGANT PATTERNS FOR SUITS ALWAYS ON HAND.  
GOOD FIT WARRANTED. PRICES LOW

**OUR PLATFORM IS Fair, Square and Honorable Dealings, Protection to our Patrons, Eternal Warfare against Monopoly and High Prices.**

**J. R. RACE & CO.**

Oct. 26, 1880—d&wtf

—THE—

## Great Advantage!

Of trading **STRICTLY FOR CASH**, is being fully appreciated by the **LARGE CROWDS** who are daily securing the **TREMENDOUS BARGAINS** now shown at the

**POPULAR NEW YORK STORE!**

A run through the market with cash in hand has secured for us—

**7,480 yds. of wide heavy Winter Dress Goods.** to be sold at 12½ cts. These goods have fine all-wool filling; colors black and dark seal brown. Manufacturers take a heavy loss on them, as they cost 12½ cts. a yard to make.

**Over 10,000 yds. of Fancy Cotton Dress Goods,** in Beautiful New Styles. Prices range from 6½ cts. a yard up to 10, and choice 12½ cts.

**Superb Assortment of Black French Cashmeres,** all wool, from 37½ to 75 cents; no fancy prices, but every piece a decided bargain.

**Heavy Black Gros Grain Trimming Silks,** 50 cts.; worth 75 cts. **BEAUTIFUL BLACK SATIN** at 75 cts. and \$1.00; worth \$1.00 and \$1.25.

**All the Novelties in Fancy and Brocade Trimmings,** at greatly reduced prices.

**Beautiful Dress Buttons,** at 5, 8, 10 to 15 cts. a dozen.

**Complete Assortment of Ribbons,** at Lowest New York prices.

**A large line of Gloves, Ruches, Ties, Veilings,** Fichus, Laces, Jet Back Combs and Fashionable Jet Hair Ornaments. Prices temptingly low. Hosiery, from 5c a pair up to the best all-wool, and a good assortment of every kind.

**Bargains in Merino Underwear of all kinds,** bargains in Canton Flannels, Sheetings, Jeans, &c.

**Special inducements in Fashionable Dolmans,** Cloaks, Shawls, Blankets and all Woolen Goods.

**Elegant Assortment of Knit Hoods, very cheap.**

And so we might keep on enumerating all day and then miss the very thing you want; but, no matter what it is, rest assured we have got it, and at the right price, too. So come and see us anyway and bring this advertisement along, as we offer a reward to any one who can find a single word or figure in our announcements that may seem to be in the least degree deceptive or misleading, you will find us square, and goods and prices satisfactory, or money cheerfully returned. **THESE ARE FAIR AND EASY TERMS WHICH NO OTHER HOUSE WILL OFFER EXCEPT THE**

**POPULAR NEW YORK STORE,**

**21 WATER STREET.**

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 8, 1880.

Too Many Girls.

New Orleans Times.

He came up very wearily, and as he sat down gave vent to a sigh that sounded like everything, his general appearance reminded us of the picture we had formed in our mind of an Indiana republican after the November election. 'Sir,' he began as he overturned the inkstand and deluged a dozen unread exchanges, 'you see before you a man whom misfortune and calamity have struck fore and aft, and who is now meditating very seriously upon the propriety of committing suicide.' We intimated that we did behold such an individual, though we had to take a front view to do it, and wound up with an impatient 'well!'

'Well, sir,' continued he, wiping a lonely tear from the north-eastern corner of his right eye, 'I've come to you for advice. I've been wrapped up in the holy state of wedlock for eight years, and it has ever been the darling hope of my life to be blessed with a son—a son, sir, who would grow up in the footsteps of his father, who would at last comfort my declining years and mix toddlers for me in my old age, see?'

'Well, sir, I will impress upon your understanding the fact my first boy proved to be a girl—I never had any one thing to wear on me so much during the whole course of my existence. But that's not all. Two years ago, three boys of the female persuasion made their appearance one morning all at once, and I ripped around and swore worse than a defeated candidate, but that didn't help matters a bit. They were there and they were permanent boarders. I lived in hopes, but do you believe it, last Friday two additional female boys took quarters at my residence, without asking any questions whatever, and for four hours I was a raving maniac—had to get ropes and tie me, sir. Just think of it! Six girls in eight years and not a single solitary boy! Why, it's enough to blast the serenity of the Archangel Gabriel himself. The very monotony of the thing is enough for any ordinary mortal. I wandered about the woods all day yesterday with a rope in my hand in search of a suitable tree to hang myself to, and I tell you there's going to be a dead man in my neighborhood soon; I'll be dashed if I want to start a female college!'

We endeavored to cheer up the old man, to pour the balm of kindness over his severe affliction as it were. But he refused to be comforted and even after seeking it, and finally took his departure, mentally figuring out the cost of six pairs of stockings every two weeks for eighteen years.

The secret of his apprehension was that one of the girls would grow up with a white swelling on each leg and then he would have to buy four stocking legs for each pair of stockings. He didn't see how he could stand it.

A Word to Our Readers.

When you read of a remedy that will cure all diseases beware of it; but when you read of a pure vegetable compound which claims to cure only certain parts of the body, and furnishes high proof that it does this, you can safely try it and with the assurance that it will help you. This is just what Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure does. It cures all troubles of the lower portion of the body and none others. It will not help the toothache, ear-ache nor consumption, but it will put your body in a vigorous and healthy state where you can enjoy life and appreciate its good things. Try it. For sale by druggists.

My life was saved by Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure.—E. B. LARKLY, Selma, Ala.  
For sale by druggists.  
Dec. 23—d&wtf

H. F. McARTHUR, wholesale and retail druggist, Ottawa, Ontario, writes: 'I was afflicted with chronic bronchitis for some years, but have been completely cured by the use of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. In doses of five drops on sugar. I have also pleasure in recommending it as an embrocation for external use.'

For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. Dec. 23—d&wtf

Change of Residence.

Peter Perl, the undertaker, has removed his residence from West Wood street to the building two doors south of May's grocery store, on South Main street. Calls by night or day will receive prompt attention. Mr. Perl has recently purchased this property, and will improve it for his permanent home.  
Dec. 7—d&wtf

This celebrated Baker breech-loading shot gun; also a new line of muzzle-loaders and ammunition for sale at bottom prices at KORMYER & O'NEILL'S, two doors east of postoffice.  
Oct. 23—d&wtf

Nickel-plated 7-Shooters at \$1.00, and other goods in proportion, at the new gun store, two doors east of postoffice.  
Oct. 23—d&wtf

LADIES' STATIONERY, of the latest and handsomest city styles, just received at J. M. Stookey & Co's.  
[9—d&wtf

**B. STINE,**

—THE—

## "Boss Clothier!"

OFFERS TO THE TRADE THE LARGEST STOCK OF

**Overcoats, Ulsters and Ulsterettes**

IN MEN'S, YOUTHS', BOYS' and CHILDREN'S.

**EVER EXHIBITED IN THIS MARKET.**

**OUR ASSORTMENT IS SIMPLY IMMENSE,**

**OUR PRICES DEFY ANY AND ALL COMPETITION.**



\$5.00 will buy a substantial Overcoat.

\$7.50 buys a Dressy Overcoat.

\$10.00 takes a Stunner.

\$12.50 buys a Fine Beaver.

Our \$15.00 Coat is simply immense.

\$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00 buys the finest

Ready-made Overcoats in market.

In short, we can suit you, please you, fit you, and all your friends. Bring them in and take yourself along with them. Always on hand.

**B. STINE,**  
**The "Boss Clothier!"**

Dealer in all kinds of

**CLOTHING!**

For Men, Youths, Boys and Children, and plenty to go around.  
Nov. 12, 18—d&wtf

**Feed Store.**  
I am running a first-class feed store at my old stand, near the post office. Hay, corn, oats, and all kinds of ground and mill feed, at mill prices delivered at any place in the city.  
R. N. HAW  
Nov. 4—dft

If you want cheap books go to J. T. Hand & Co.; they will undersell any price quoted.  
20—mwa

Dry stove wood and Du Quoin coal at McClelland's coal yard.  
u8dft

**Butterick's Patterns.**  
The January styles in Butterick's Metropolitan Fashion just received by  
Dec. 13—d&wtf LINN & SCHROEDER.

**GENTLEMEN'S FINE SHIRTS,** at  
Nov. 10—dft J. W. BAKER'S

**CHARMOUS-LINED SHOES** at J. W. Baker's  
Nov. 23—dft

**Animal and Armand.**  
Are two of the best hard coal base burners in the market, at  
Sept. 17—d&wtf ASHBY & ANDRESS.

An elegant assortment of **Swiss Carved Goods**, suitable for wedding weddings and other occasions, at J. M. Stookey & Co's.  
Nov. 19—d&wtf

If you want mill feed, corn or oats you can be supplied at  
SHERIDAN'S.  
Dec. 18—d&wtf

Reduce your shoe bills by buying of  
Barber & Baker.  
d&wtf

Now is the time to select books for the holidays. Our stock is complete, and we will undersell any price quoted. We have children's books from one cent to five dollars each.  
J. T. HAW & Co  
Nov. 20—mwsdft

**Cloaks, Dolmans and Circuits.**  
If you want honest goods, first-class in every way, at prices lower than those of any house in the city, call at the  
Dec. 20—d&wtf CHAMP STREET.

**THE PAST** has proved them, the present sustains them, and the future can but confirm them as the best—Richards' Worm Lozenges. 25 cents per box. Warranted. For sale by A. J. Stoner and J. T. Hubbard.  
u67—d&wtf

Come and see the new style self-adjusting skates at Kormeyer & O'Neill's before purchasing elsewhere; also a complete line of Barney & Perry skates kept on hand; all at bottom prices, 2 doors east of P. O.  
1—dft

**TINWARE** and everything for house-keeping at Ashby & Andress.  
Aug. 6—d&wtf

To all who desire to purchase steel engravings, there is an extraordinary opportunity offered to make a selection at J. M. Stookey & Co's. They have an immense stock on sale for a short time.  
Nov. 19—d&wtf

Go to A. J. Stoner's for Mrs. Freeman's National Dyes. For brightness and durability of color are unequalled. Color from 2 to 5 pounds.  
Price 15 cents.  
dft

CALL and select your holiday goods at Ashby & Andress. They have a large stock of camp and ration boxes, the finest display ever shown in Decatur.  
4dft

**The Comfort Patent Corset—Bortree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at  
Jan. 2—d&wtf LINN & SCHROEDER.**

The Argand is the prettiest store in the market. Call and see if it is not so, at Ashby & Andress.  
Sept. 17—d&wtf

We want your custom, and think we can offer you inducements if you will come and see us, which will be sufficient to satisfy you that our store is the best place in town to trade. Bargains are to be had every day this spring.  
d&wtf BARBER & BAKER

**LARGEST LINE of Albums** at Stookey & Co's.  
Dec. 6—d&wtf

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** at Stookey & Co's  
Dec. 9—d&wtf

**Kormeyer & O'Neill**  
Have engaged one of the best gunsmiths of Chicago, and are now prepared to do all kind of repairing at reasonable prices. All work warranted.  
Oct. 23—d&wtf

**FLANSE-PLATED SHOES** and Shippers, at J. W. Baker's.  
Nov. 23—dft

J. M. Stookey & Co. have a large lot of steel engravings on sale for a short time. Now is your opportunity to purchase.  
Nov. 19—d&wtf

**"COMMON SENSE" SHOES**, stylish and comfortable, at J. W. BAKER'S.  
Nov. 23—dft

**SOFT NEW COAL** and dry stove wood at McClelland's coal yard.  
May 17—dft

A large variety of Loto games, at J. M. Stookey & Co's  
Nov. 19—d&wtf

**BLENZ & DANZEISEN BUTCHERS**

—AND—  
**PACKERS.**

—A NEW STOCK OF—  
**SMOKED AND CURED MEATS.**

**WEST SIDE OF THE OLD SQUARE**

**HAMS.**

Hams, from 18 pounds and upwards, 11 cents; under 18 pounds, 12½ cts. Sugar-Cured Shoulders, 8 cents; Lard, 10 cts.

**Breakfast Bacon, Dried Beef, Bologna and Lard** at Wholesale and Retail.

**FRESH MEATS**

Of all kinds on hand. We kill only first-class stock.

**"CHEAP CHARLEY'S" CORNER.**



**We Have an Immense Quantity of Them!**

And we will sell them, at GOOD QUALITY, AND STYLE, COMBINED WITH LOW PRICES, IS AN INDUCEMENT, WE MEAN.

**OUR OVERCOATS AND SUITS,**

**FOR MEN, BOYS OR CHILDREN,**

OF OUR OWN MANUFACTURING, and sold with only a trifling profit.

THIS season is a peculiar season. Some clothing men who say their goods from Manufacturers and Jobbers, had to put an inferior article of clothing, such as Sateen, Union Cloth or Sateen, in their stock, for the sake of apparently meeting the prices which we, as manufacturers of our own goods, quote for our all-wool garments. Only our close attention to the manufacturing, and to the market, enable us to guarantee the articles sold, and to uphold the rule (which we were the first to establish in the West) of returning the money for anything bought of us and not satisfactory after taken if returned not soiled.

**AS FORMERLY WE ONLY SOLICIT INSPECTION and COMPARISON**

**OUR GOODS AND PRICES DO THE TALKING!**

**"CHEAP CHARLEY."**

Not wealth, nor birth, nor rank nor state, But GET RIGHT UP AND GET that make-up great.



**KAUFMANN & BACHRACH**  
Manufacturers of  
**MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing!**  
Dealers in  
Goods for Men's Wear.  
Cor. East Main & Water Sts.,  
DECATUR.  
Factory—Chicago, Ill.  
Oct. 21—d&wtf

**COAL! COAL!!**

**J. H. VENNIGERHOLZ,**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

**ANTHRACITE AND BITUMINOUS COAL,**

OF THE BEST GRADES.

**Sole Agent for MT. OLIVE COAL, and also for the DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY'S LACKAWANNA.**

Office and yard adjoining Decatur Furniture Company's Factory. Telephone at Ashby & Andress.  
Sept. 9—d&wtf

**MASTER'S SALE.**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE.**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS.**  
Macon County.  
Charles P. Thatcher, Plaintiff, vs. Charles W. Aiken, Arab M. Aiken and Harriet M. Wilson—No. 10,880.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.** It is hereby given, that in the above entitled cause in said court at the December term, A. D. 1879, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery for said court, on

Monday, January 3, A. D. 1881, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the west door of the court house in Decatur, in said county, the following described real estate, to-wit: (1) In the northeast corner of section seven (7), in the Western Addition to the town, now city, of Decatur, running thence west 192 feet, thence south 30 feet, thence east 124 feet, thence north to the place of beginning, together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging. Said premises will be sold subject to redemption.

Decatur, Illinois, Dec. 9, 1880.  
JOHN A. BROWN,  
Master in Chancery for Macon county, Ill.  
B. L. STEIGLITZ, Solicitor for Complainant.  
Dec. 10—dft

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**

Estate of CORNELIA A. RAMSEY, Decedent. **PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Cornelie A. Ramsey, decedent, to present the same for a liquidation and settlement at a regular term of the county court of Macon county to be holden at the court house, in the city of Decatur, on the 3rd Monday of January, A. D. 1881, being the 1st day of said term. Decatur, Ill., Nov. 22, A. D. 1880.  
FRANK H. BAUGH, Trustee.

Nov. 23—d&wtf

MILAM's bread is always fresh and pure and sweet.

Monday, the 17th day of January, A. D. 1881,  
at ten o'clock A. M., sell the above described premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the west outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, Macon county, State of Illinois, and all right and equity of redemption of said Barney O'Neill and John H. O'Neill therein and upon making said Decatur, will execute and deliver to the purchaser a good and sufficient deed of conveyance of the premises sold.  
CHARLES F. EMEKY, Trustee.  
December 13, 1880—d&wtf

**\$72 A WEEK.** \$12 a day at home. No travel. Call on our free. 14—dft  
6 C. Adams, Macon.

NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE







CITY DEPARTMENT.

WAX DOLLS, 5 to 95 cents each, and a magnificent display of Christmas presents of every description, at  
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.  
APPEAL to-night.  
No court this week.  
CHARITY ball to-night.  
PROF. PINKLEY Thursday night.  
WHEAT has an upward tendency.  
Four degrees above zero early this morning.  
"WINK, Water, Woman, Wit and Wisdom," at the opera house this evening.  
OVERS on the shell, at Miller's.  
24-3d

The public schools of this city will re-open next Monday morning.  
See Sol Smith Russell in his funniest play at the opera house to-morrow night.  
See the Republican's splendid display of New Year's calling cards. They are the very latest "agones," and cannot fail to please the most fastidious. Prices low.

The members of the Episcopal Mission gave a fair and festival at Marous a week ago to-night and cleared \$40.50.

A rich, humorous and witty lecture at the opera house this evening.

Our citizens who heard W. B. Affleck some time ago at Stepp's Chapel pronounced him as being very fine and entertaining.

If you have not bought your presents yet go to O. E. Curtis & Co's. They receive goods every day and are giving bargains in everything.  
24-3d.

YOUNG Bros have a fine line of choice fruits and a well-selected stock of canned goods, which find a ready sale among the numerous patrons of the firm.

On the evening of the 23d inst. Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Funk celebrated their "wooden wedding" anniversary near Marous. There were 75 guests present.

Big fat Saddle back Oysters, at 24-3d MILLER'S.

Gov CULLUM has offered a reward of \$300 for the apprehension of the unknown murderer of Chas. Scott, who was killed in Tazewell county July 20, 1880.

The "Mark Twain of England" at the opera house to-night.

No trouble to show those superior instruments at C. B. Prescott's music parlor, in opera block. See the beauties.

SAMPLE that new honey at Niedermayr's on the Mount. It's the best in the city.

One plain drunk was given quarters in the calaboose Christmas day. He was a victim of "Tom and Jerry," first cousins of "Egg Nog" and a bed-fellow of plain whisky and gin.

Now that turkey has been conquered, try some of that pure buckwheat flour and splendid maple syrup, sold by Peter Ulrich.

A note received from Jacksonville, Florida, this morning, dated Dec. 23, contains this information: "We are making arrangements to go up the river about five miles, on Christmas, and will spend the day picnicking."

The brightest and best wall-paper and lovely lambrequins at Abel & Locke's palace of housefurnishing goods.

CUTTERS and sleighs for sale cheap, or will hire by the hour, all ready to hitch to V. H. PARKER, adjoining the tavern tele Dec. 27-41w

The finest line of Hosiery in the State at the CHEAP STORE. 1w

CALL at Henry Ebert's, corner Prairie and Water streets, for bananas, grapes, pears, oranges, and Christmas Candles.  
22-41w

Public skating rink, north of the city park, was one of the most popular places of resort among pleasure-seekers in Decatur on Christmas day and evening.

During the afternoon and night there were no less than 400 lads and lassies, and elderly people grown young again, within the rink enclosure, and all, with but few exceptions, participated in the graceful and exhilarating exercise. The gentlemanly proprietors of this popular place of resort, Messrs. Adams, Bayliss & Co, are always courteous, and quietly preserve the best of order. If you can "sketch" and have not patronized the rink, you should do so at once. Open every day and evening.

New York Shell Oysters and Clams—big fat fellers, all alive—for sale at 24-3d MILLER'S LUNCH ROOM.

See those magnificent new carpets at Abel & Locke's old reliable establishment. Buy them.

TRIMMED hats as low as \$1 at M. Falconer's and all other goods remarkably cheap.  
29-41w

For Christmas Taffy, Boss Peanut Candy, and strong Hoarhound Candy, go to the "Shoo Fly Candy Stand," near the Post Office.  
PETER HALEY.  
20-42w

Buy a Davis Sewing Machine for a present from Stookley & Co. [Dec 29-41w]

BEAUTIFUL Ribbons, at Linn & Scruggs' Dec 13-41w

The largest, cheapest and best assortment of Corsets can at all times be found at Linn & Scruggs'.  
Dec 13-41w

Pink Glasses and Parlor suits for sale by Abby & Andrews.  
14-41w

Carpets and wall paper, at lowest prices.  
Linn & Scruggs.  
Dec 13-41w

You can save money in buying your Christmas presents in the jewelry line of J. L. KNEPPEK, No. 30 Merchant street.  
Dec 20-41w

Gold and Silver Fringes, Spangles, Gimp, Lace, Stars, Tassels, Braids and Buttons, at Linn & Scruggs'.  
Dec 20-41w

BECKWEAT cakes and maple syrup, at MILLER'S.  
24-3d

The annual Christmas festivities were observed as usual at the hospitable home of Mr. George P. Blume, the well-known Singer Sewing Machine Agent, on Saturday last. George employs from 18 to 25 agents, and all, with their families, were entertained in royal style at his cozy residence on West Prairie street. The sub-agents planned and brought to a successful termination a grand surprise for George, presenting him with a magnificent gold and porcelain lined silver water pitcher, as a fitting token of their good wishes. Unbridled jollity characterized the day's joyous proceedings, and not until a late hour in the evening did the happy guests think of departing for their separate homes, and when they did all voted Mr. and Mrs. Blume the king and queen of entertainers. All the children of the guests present, and the little ones of the neighborhood as well, were remembered with beautiful gifts from Mrs. Blume.

The remains of the late John Matthews, who served four years in the late war as a private in Co. B, 8th Illinois Infantry, were interred in Greenwood cemetery on Christmas day. As previously stated, the deceased was 72 years of age at the time of his death. He was in poor circumstances. His body was accompanied to its last resting place by 12 members of the Macon County Veteran Association, who fired the customary military salute over the grave of their departed comrade.

E. A. GASTMAN was unanimously re-elected Superintendent of the Baptist Church Sabbath School on Sunday morning. He had tendered his resignation some weeks ago, but the officers and pupils were determined to have him serve another year, and he reluctantly accepted the honor conferred upon him.

Our citizens will have the pleasure this evening, at the opera house, of listening to the most humorous and witty lecture it has ever been their opportunity to hear. W. B. Affleck, the "Mark Twain of England," will deliver his celebrated lecture on "Wine, Water, Woman Wit and Wisdom." Secure seats at Curtis & Co's.

Who will keep "open house" in Decatur next Saturday? THE REPUBLICAN will publish a list if the ladies will oblige us by sending in their names as soon as possible. Make your arrangements at once, and let your gentlemen friends know where to find you on the 1st.

The Rev. L. S. Chittenden, of Westfield (U. B.) college, occupied the pulpit at the United Brethren church on Sunday morning and evening. His subject at 10 o'clock was "Temptation." The congregations were large.

THE I. D. & S. R'y is one of the most energetic and prosperous roads in the west. Its managers have just closed the contract for 50 new stock cars, and will also have 300 new box cars built as early as possible.

A RELIGIOUS revival will be inaugurated at the 1st M. E. church on next Sunday evening. It will continue throughout next week, and perhaps longer.

It Sets Everybody Laughing.  
To-morrow evening the famous specialty artist, Sol Smith Russell, whose name has become a household word in the land, supported by a well-selected company of artists, will appear at the opera house in "Edgewood Folks," the funniest play ever written. An exchange says: Mr. Russell's Tom Dillaway is a creation, and is full enough of rapid changes to satisfy a lover of pantomime, and has manliness enough about it to please a bishop. The play is everywhere received with screams of laughter and other manifestations of delight. If you want a thorough shaking up, go and see the latest greatest success, and "Laugh and grow fat." Admission 50 and 75 cents. Gallery 35 cents.

The Charity Hop.  
Pity the poor. If your sympathy is sincere this bitter cold, blustery day, buy a ticket for the charity ball to-night, at the Guards' Armory. If you don't dance, buy a ticket anyhow. Below we re-print the programme.

Quadrille	"Mother Goose."
Waltz	"Flower of St. Petersburg."
Schottische	"Dancing in the Barn."
Lancers	"Artist Life."
Waltz	"Man in the Moon."
Quadrille	"Knickerbocker."
Galop	"Raguet."
Quadrille	"Don Golden Slippers."
Waltz	"Firefly."
Later.	
Waltz	"Sounds from Vienna Woods."
Quadrille	"Pinafore."
Folk	"Fatinizta."
Waltz	"Cuckoo."
Waltz and Galop	"In the Seated Wood."
Waltz	"Lancers."
Quadrille	"Charity."
Waltz	"Newport."
Galop	"Raguet."
Dancing will commence promptly at 8:30 p. m.	

For Sale.  
Tickets good from Springfield to Chicago via Wabash railway in lots of 25 and 50.  
Address A. S. WILCOX, Springfield, Ill.  
Dec. 27-42w

to your mother, sister, wife or friend, a good dolman, cloak, shawl, or a good pair of blankets or nice winter dress, because nothing could be more useful and appropriate. And you will find what you want in any of the above goods at very low prices at the Popular New York Store.  
14w

Ladies will find a most complete assortment of ribbons, gloves, ties, corsets and fancy notions, at the lowest prices, at the  
d&w  
POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.

As we do not intend to handle toys we will pay more attention to books, and have the best selected stock ever shown in Decatur.  
J. T. HARD & Co.  
30-mw4d

BECKWEAT cakes and maple syrup, at MILLER'S.  
24-3d

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

Arthur R. Barber and Lizzie I. Benton United in Marriage by Rev. D. P. Bunn—The Gifts.

A joyous Christmas wedding occurred at the pleasant home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Benton, in Hickory township, this county, 2 1/2 miles north of Decatur, on Saturday evening, Dec. 25, 1880, at seven o'clock, in the presence of a large number of friends. The contracting parties were Miss Lizzie I. Benton and Mr. Arthur R. Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Barber, of Hickory Grove. The attendants were Miss Petsch, of Forsyth, and Mr. Frank Barber, brother of the groom. Miss Mary Thrift played the stately wedding march on the organ, when the bridal party presented themselves before the clergyman, Rev. D. P. Bunn, of Decatur, who spoke the words which made the man and maiden husband and wife. At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony the company extended their warmest congratulations, after which a splendid wedding feast, prepared with special care by the bride's mother, was served in the dining room. Below we give a complete list of THE GIFTS.

A fine Jersey cow from V. Barber, father of the bridegroom.  
Elegant gold necklace from the groom to the bride.  
Five bright ten dollar gold pieces, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Benton, parents of the bride.  
Japanese work box, M. L. Hoffman, of St. Louis.  
One dozen linen handkerchiefs, Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin, Decatur.  
A handy scrap book, Frank Benton.  
Handsome silver castor, from the groom's mother.  
Celluloid toilet set, J. R. Smallwood and C. Brett.  
Japanese handkerchief box, Wm. Hoffman, Lyon county, Minn.  
Set of silver teaspoons, D. Ragg and family, Champaign.  
Set of fruit knives, Walter and Albert Barber.  
Silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. Thrift and daughters, Mary and Grace.  
Silver spoon holder, M. K. Hoover.  
Pair of cuff pins, Horace Hoffman, St. Louis.  
Large bed spread, Carrie Benton.  
Sugar spoon, Sissy and Mollie Bean.  
Butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac, Marous.  
Handsome toilet set, Frank Barber.  
Silver pipe towel, gold pen and holder, Lucius Barber.  
Pair of napkin rings, Albert and Charles Thrift.  
Silver nut picks in case, Lillian Irwin.  
Silver sugar spoon, Ida Petsch.  
Card receiver and bouquet holder, Eva Hoffman.  
Preserve dish, "Herc. Vio."  
Set of bouquet holders, Nellie Bean.  
Preserve dish, bouquet holders and silver card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrift.  
Afghan rug, Ziezy Bean.  
Beautiful fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams.  
Pair of Parian marble vases, Frank Hoover.  
Toilet set, Emma Petsch.  
Silver butter dish, M. E. Petsch.  
Set of fruit dishes, "Sister Stella."  
Rhony and gilt picture frame, E. J. Piper.  
Pair of Bantam chicks, Bertie and Walter Barber.  
Pair of picture frames, from the groom.  
Handsome point-lace handkerchief, Linn & Scruggs, Decatur.  
Lovely lace necktie, Miss Stewart.  
Box of note paper and envelopes, Robert Stewart.  
The wedded couple, who will reside in Hickory township, have the warmest wishes of the REPUBLICAN for their perpetual happiness in their new relation in life.

Temperance Topics.

There was quite a large crowd of people at the tabernacle on Saturday evening to hear the promised address by Rev. T. A. Goodwin, of Indianapolis. Half the seats were occupied. The exercises opened with singing and a short speech of a humorous character by Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of this city, at the conclusion of which the speaker of the evening stepped forward and solemnly alluded to the Richmond, Ind., tragedy which occurred in May last. The gentleman remarked that he supposed most of those present had heard of the murder of his brother by a younger, who was recently sentenced to the Indiana penitentiary for life. He placed the cause of the fratricide at the door of whisky, and made a telling speech in favor of temperance. Before retiring the speaker referred to the fact that a great number of pamphlets, giving a full history of the murder and the cause thereof, had been printed, and recommended that they be circulated as a temperance document. They can only be had of the W. C. T. U. at Indianapolis.

At the conclusion of the speech it was expected that a statement with reference to the proposed four night's temperance fair and festival would be made by Mr. D. S. Shellabarger, but he was not present. The working committees from the different wards reported that they had been unable to accomplish great things because everybody seemed to be busy "fixin' things" for Christmas. However, preparations for the debt paying fair will be pushed forward determinedly despite these draw-backs. The ladies are now going about the city soliciting contributions of provisions and other articles for the affair, which will be inaugurated at the tabernacle on Wednesday evening. Render them every assistance in your power and thus aid in freeing Decatur's big house of entertainment, which is so useful on frequent occasions, of its \$1200 debt.

Wanted.  
One black span of match horses, and one white span, suitable for undertakers. Address Box 23, P. O., or call at Priest's Hotel. 27-41w

Cash Buyers  
should not fail to see the very desirable lot of winter goods which we will close out this week at greatly reduced prices, giving an excellent chance to make useful holiday presents, such as shawls, cloaks, blankets, or a good winter dress. Call any way and see what's to be had at the Popular New York Store.  
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Grand Exhibition and Sale  
of the finest assortment of Holiday Goods in Illinois, now going on at Wigwag's Decatur Lamp Store. [Dec. 16-41w]

MARRIED.

The National Christian Holiday was never more generally observed in and about Decatur than on Saturday last. The merchants generally for a week previously did an unusually large business. Their sales of holiday and other goods being estimated at 40 per cent. greater than in 1879. No better argument than this can be given of the reality of prosperous times. The jewellers here sold nearly \$3500 worth of diamonds to various business men, who felt themselves financially able to present the partners of their joys and sorrows something "too sweet for anything." Saturday morning early troops of children went from store to store, crying out "Merry Christmas!" and receiving in return for their cheerful words, bits of candy and other gifts; and along in the afternoon, after tempting dinners had been served and discussed in innumerable happy homes, the young and elderly men of the city deserted their cheerful firesides, and appeared on the streets displaying, unconsciously, perhaps, their pretty presents, and exchanging happy greetings with friends and acquaintances. Evening came and the children of the Christian Church Sabbath School were remembered with candy and other gifts, which were handed down from a large illuminated tree by Santa Claus himself. A tree treat was also given for the children of the neighborhood at the Stamper residence on West Main street, and a party of young ladies and gentlemen treated themselves at the home of Miss Hella Shockley. They had a big tree and lots of fun. Sunday the pastors of the various churches delivered appropriate Christmas sermons, and at the Sabbath Schools in the afternoon, lads and lassies and children blossomed out in larger numbers than usual, it being a favorable opportunity to exhibit gifts received and see what others got. Altogether Christmas 1880 was to all outward appearances a most enjoyable season of kindly remembrances and brotherly love, and will pass into memory's history as a happy day among the loved ones. But in many homes in the city and country recently visited by the Angel of Death, there was sorrow unexpressed. In others there was sickness, in others poverty. There was little joy and gladness for the bereaved, the sick and the poor, except that which is found in the Book of Books. Many needy families were visited by the generous hand of charity, and benefit and sack-receivd of the prayers and words of heartfelt comfort and consolation from friends and neighbors.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. A. B. Allison has been quite ill for the past three weeks.  
Dr. J. T. B. Stapp's condition is unchanged. He is still confined to his bed.  
Misses Kate and Tilla Berry are home from Chicago, on a visit to their parents.  
Mrs. Alice Ryan, (Wrightman) of Chicago, is in the city on a visit to her aunt Mrs. J. N. Bills.  
Hon. J. G. Cannon arrived at Danville from Washington on Friday, and spent Christmas with his family.  
Mrs. Judge Greer and her grand-son, Freddie Abbott, were thought to be in better health on Sunday, though both are still quite ill.  
Theo. Gaebler, who is engaged in the marble business at Montezuma, Indiana, is home on a visit.  
Marion Houck, who is at present located at Forest, Livingston county, spent Christmas in Decatur.  
Charles P. Housum, of this city, has received letters patent for the manufacture of a new and useful invention—a paper box.  
Miss Minnie Schuyler, niece of Miss E. A. Stuart, is in the city. She is a student of the State Female Seminary at Kalamazoo, Mich., and will return to that popular institution of learning after the holidays.  
Mrs. Scott Siddons, the widely known dramatic reader, is said to be a capital shot. She tried her hand at St. Louis shooting gallery the other day, and made 60 out of a possible 72, with a rifle, and 40 out of a possible 48 with duelling pistols at a distance of 60 feet.  
The many Decatur friends of Mr. Chas. B. Moore, son of Hon. J. H. Moore, will be pleased to learn that he has lately been promoted from the position of Ensign of the U. S. Navy to the more responsible office of Sailing Master of an American vessel. He passed a highly satisfactory examination at Washington city on the 23d and 24th instant. Two more steps up the ladder and Charley will be made captain of a ship.

Thomas L. Keady, telegraph operator, and clerk for Mr. Shanks, at the Wabash round house, was pleasantly surprised on Christmas morning by the locomotive engineers, firemen and mechanics of the road, who presented him with a heavy gold case for his watch, and an elegant gold chain—all worth a cool \$137. The beautiful gift was a well-deserved complimentary testimonial to a most worthy young man, who thoroughly understands his business, and is quite popular with all "G-hoys," and particularly so with his many lady acquaintances. The presentation was made by Mr. Colon Shanks.

A Master of Elocution and Oratory.  
Prof. Virgil A. Pinkley, of the National School of Elocution and Oratory, at Philadelphia, Penn., will give an elocutionary entertainment for the benefit of the Universalist society.

AT THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, on Thursday evening, Dec. 30 Admission, 25 cents.

TESTIMONIALS.  
The literary entertainment given by Prof. Pinkley was greeted by an overflowing house. His readings and recitations were received with hearty applause—  
Phadephia Times

"Prof. V. A. Pinkley, the Philadelphia elocutionist, entertained the audience with dramatic readings. The performance was highly commendable.—Chautauque Herald, Like Chautauque, N. Y."

AT THE MOODY TABERNACLE.—The immense Tabernacle was well filled. Prof. Pinkley is one of the most skillful and popular elocutionists before the public. Cleveland Leader.

Secure your tickets at once, and don't fail to attend this literary treat.  
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At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dresback, in Whitmore township, by Justice R. M. Machan, on the 23d of Dec., 1880, Mr. JACOB Z. ERDMAN and Miss ANNA E. WYKOFF.  
On Thursday evening, Dec. 23, 1880, by Rev. W. L. Danks, Mr. JOSEPH D. DRAKINS, of Blue Mound township, and Miss MARY E. EDWARDS, of Wheatland township.

DIED.  
At Nowequeua, Ill., at nine o'clock on Sunday morning, Dec. 25, 1880, of dropsy, ISAAC H. PETERSEN, aged about 62 years.

The deceased was the well-known proprietor of the Potter House, which he established at Nowequeua in 1837, and over which he presided up to the hour of his death. He was a member of the Masonic order, and was generally respected by his neighbors and the traveling public, with whom he came in contact, in a social and business way. The wife of Alderman W. S. Nichols, of this city, is a sister-in-law of the deceased. The funeral will occur to-morrow, and Mr. Nichols and family will attend it.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Houff, near Fulton, Mo., on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 25, 1880, Miss ELIZA BISHOP.

The deceased was the wife of Mr. John Bishop, and the mother of Mrs. Wm. J. Wayne, of this city. She formerly resided in Decatur, and has many warm friends in this community who will be pained to learn of her death. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and died trusting in her Savior.

In this city at the family residence, corner of West Cerro Gordo and College streets, on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1880, of pneumonia, Mrs. MARY, wife of Henry Abrams, aged about 35 years.

The funeral took place from the German Methodist church this afternoon.

Teacher's Meeting.  
The following is the programme for the next regular meeting of the association: Phonics, by Mr. Evans; Reading, by Miss Jennie Young; Paper, "The wants of our country schools," W. H. Gentry; Grammar, The use of but, as, and the infinitive, S. E. Cousins; alternate, James Montgomery.

The county superintendent desires a full attendance in order to discuss the utility of "A Graduating Course of Study for our County and Village Schools."

Association meets Jan. 1, 1881, at 1 p. m.

Our Great  
and successful sale of cheap dress goods and fine customers still continues. This week we will offer special and extraordinary inducements to all cash buyers.  
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POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.

Masonic.  
Lodge No. 312, A. F. & A. M., will hold a special communication for work in the 2nd degree. Members of Macon Lodge, No. 8, and visiting brethren are invited.  
By order of J. S. McCRELL AND W. M. Coit.

The Indiana Coal Co. has on hand the very best quality of Lackawanna, Hard Coal, chestnut size, at \$9.00 per ton, screened and delivered.  
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F. D. CALDWELL

THE MARKETS.  
Following were the noon closing quotations at McWhorter & Rollins "Board of Trade" room to-day:  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Wheat—90c Jan; 97c Feb.  
Corn—30c Jan; 31c Feb; 31c May.  
Oats—24c Jan; 25c Feb; 25c May

New Year's Presents.  
None can give a more useful present than a good, warm winter shawl, cloak, dolman, or pair of blankets. All of the above goods in good assortment will be found this week at greatly reduced prices at the Popular New York Store.  
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Our Cloaks, Dolmans and Circulars are made out of superior material. We buy no trashy satin or cotton garment, have none in our stock, and won't handle any of that kind or class of goods. Besides, we can convince you very easily that we can save you from \$2 to \$3 on every cloak, Dolman or Circular that you buy, and give you superior goods besides. We know whereof we speak  
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LIDDLE'S  
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For the loved and loving ones, at REASONABLE PRICES.  
Ladies' Sewing Chairs, Easy Chairs, Children's Chairs, AN IMMENSE ASSORTMENT OF NEW AND ATTRACTIVE TOYS AND NOVELTIES! HOLIDAY GOODS TO SUIT EVERY PERSON, OLD OR YOUNG. Boys' Sleds, Wagons, Doll Carriages, Children's Swings. To use in doors.

Children's Knives and Forks, Elegant Bronze Lamps, Gold Band China Tea Sets, Silver Cakes, Silver Pickle Stands, Silver Card Receivers, Carving Knives and Forks, Silver Tea and Table Spoons, Work Stands, Flower Baskets, Work Baskets, Bird Cages, Fine Pocket Knives. AND THOUSANDS OF UPRIGHT AND ORNAMENTAL ARTICLES.

Call in and spend an hour and be convinced that it is to your interest to buy at  
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Fine Dress Goods, CLOAKS, DOLMANS, Shawls, Furs.

PORTMONNAIES, CARD CASES, Fine Suspenders, Scarfs, BOWS and TIES for LADIES, And Gents' Cloves of every description,

FINE BLANKETS, Black Silks of superior makes, LADIES' SATCHELS, GENTS' VALISES, Fine Silk Umbrellas,

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, RIBBONS, Fancy Baskets, Hoods, Nubias, KNIT SACQUES. EMB. HANDKERCHIEFS, Emb. Lace Tidies, Lace Curtains, Corsets,

CARPETS!  
Etc., Etc.,

Very Cheap, at the Popular House of

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Dec. 22, 1880—d&w

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Otto E. Curtis & Co.,  
Decatur's Leading Jewelers!

IN CALLING YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR LINE OF

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this year we feel that we can give you the most elegant and complete assortment of goods it has ever been our pleasure to display, which embraces many Novelties not to be found elsewhere in the city.

Our entire stock has been selected with the utmost care, and bought directly of manufacturers and importers, consequently we feel sure we can give you LOWER PRICES than any firm in the city, and at the same time give you a FAR BETTER SELECTION of goods than you would be able to find could you see the other stocks of our city combined. We have just returned from New York and the Eastern Markets, and were there at the season when the holiday patterns were "brought out," and, therefore, were enabled to select many things that will not be found elsewhere in the city.

We should like very much to have the opportunity to show you through our line and GIVE YOU PRICES. We have always made it a point to have all our advertisements STRICTLY TRUE, and when we allude to our stock being so far in excess of all others here, and our prices lower, we do so knowing that an inspection on your part will convince you of the facts. Very respectfully,

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Dec. 27-41w

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The above are all this season's purchase, and are every way very SUPERIOR GOODS. In order to reduce our very large stock in the several lines named, we have placed them on sale at a

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